

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2058

January 6, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for any person knowingly to sell or deliver with the intent to sell in any single over-the-counter sale more than three packages or any number of packages that contain a combined total of more than nine grams of any drug containing a sole active ingredient of ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, phenylpropanolamine, or any one of the active ingredients used in the production of methamphetamine. Various exceptions are provided in the bill. The offense is punishable by fine only. The fine for the first offense shall be \$100, second offense \$500 and third or subsequent offense \$2,000. The provisions of the bill shall supercede any municipal ordinances or regulations that are less restrictive than the provisions of the bill. Merchants are encouraged to participate in the Meth Watch program operated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Fiscal impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increase in local government revenues from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. Such impact is not estimated to be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director